Dear Howard, 7/23/76

Early and late this is one of those days. I'll go to bed early and get an early start again, as I did at 4:45 this a.m. The work went well in spite of the affronts, some of which hit me in the face as soon as I was up. Toward the end of the afternoon, as sometimes happens, these supports get out ofmadjustment, I can't get adjusted correctly, and they make me quite weary. I don't feel like doing anything then. I did a little reading today and the stack of unread clips is a bit smaller.

I've come to believe that one factor in the bad fitting is a combination of heat and humidity, not yet either alone. It rained all day and they were not uncomfortable. It stopped raining, grew hot and sticky, and discomfort. The temperature is not as high with the dark and they are less uncomfortable although it remains sticky.

When it is warm I wear loose shorts, which lets the air circulate some. But not from the crotch to the toes, which are encased in tough, close-fitting supports. They alone are hot. Skin-tights.

One of this morning's offenses had to do with a set that needed washing. I'm solving that by getting a third set on the 30th, when I'll be measured for a replacement. I washed them after the set I was wearing got wet in the rain. I wore them wet. No big deal washing them. I do when Lil is away or I am but when she is home she wants to and then creates situations where she can't. Like going to bed very early last night while I was still wearing them. And not recording the outgoing packages and leaving the money with them for the mailman. This means I had to make three 1000-foot trips in the rain when it was too warm for trousers, before the rain colled it off. Once to get the paper, once to take the mail out, once to get it. If I say anything it makes a scene. Tomorrow I'll just put my letters in the box and let the rest rot. Today's packages have been done for hours. I do them, although she can, because she has trouble with her hands. But the accumulation of these really petty things is oppressive.

The early start was good. It enable me to complete notes on the recent batch of stuff from Civil Rights on the King assassination. 6/3 we filed a motion to compel. This is the only response. But the stuff is rich. Busy as you are I did not make a carbon for you. Of the very much it includes there is an open-and-shut case of perjury about which the AUSA has also lied in court repeatedly; a description of the contents of an index for which we'd asked so compliance could be addressed - and now I have it by accident and it proves deliberate non-compliance and again perjury; proof the FBI knew it had pictures of the scene of the crime when it swore to having none. On and on. Even reason to believe that some of its information came from the"defense," probably Huie. They have a 22-page list of "actions," not one having to do with the crime they are about, and prior to the appearance of Huie's articles what he got from Ray and did publish, but not until after all of this had been put together. Also many leads on more withholdings-and they knew.

Jim will have my notes on it in the a.m. and we'll see if he is now ready to take firm steps incourt to punish and ask rectification and redress. I've started keeping timme records for this I'm frankly astounded at how it accumulates. If they don t teach you in law school, learn before you start practise and make it a habit or you'll not be paid for much of your time. Today I posted six times each of less than an hour on this one case. And I may have forgotten some. I had most of it done before today.

This is generally the yield of steadfast pressure. I think I sent you the CIA letter, which is long for pressure and for a record. Im factually correct so what can they do? It takes much time but it works and the pressure is making them disgorge in other ways. I do slip up but I keep catching them,as in the requests not yet acknowledged after they sent me along letter supposedly listing them all by number. Each time I write I note one not yet acknolwedged. This is the way I caught the FBI pretending I had not asked for the files on me. (By their own representation of schedule their time has expired. That was October. Each time I add a new, legit. request. They know now that I'll get to them all.

By the time you have time I'll have thousands of duplicated pages you can borrow.I see worthwhile non-fiction Strangelovian novels in some. About a fifth is done There is going to be more. They are reviewing their 1967 review (CIA) and I have a separate request for it, in addition to everything on JFK -all.

They are making a new inventory. I'm probably not the only one who complained but I did. They have released many more picture, probably not all of the CE237 man but of him quite a number. Bud has them. Jim told me this evening. He has received a thousand more pages I have not yet received. He offered me copies and I asked Jim to pay for two sets, which will give me one to lend to you when you have time, one for Jim, and the set I get from them. I've taken to keeping an intact set the way I receive it and using another as a working set, marking it up. But the work on the suits has prevented this for some time.

I've already filed an appeal on the masking on what has been released. We use some of this in interrogatories. I ask them the names they've masked. And I'm right. This appeal is one of the unacknowledged. When I examine the new batch and come to what is injudiciously masked I'll do the same thing.

While it can t all go the way it has been in court lately now is the time to push. We may blow some minds yet.

I guess this is more or less of an update.

The Feffer rview is the stink of long ago, a phoney liberal hung up on Warren who is nasty and irresponsible but tosses a few anchors to the wind.

In time you'll give me the details of what I've lived through, this time with your publisher. I feared it long ago. I don t know what the "best effort" clause really means. In practise it never means what it says. Hpwever, it is the means by which I obtained a 100% settlement plus interest and costs out of court ob Frame-Up and the unpaid advance. There is always xxxx a publisher risk in going to court on it, remember. In your case I can tell you how you could have had about 50 FM stations airing you by phone as well as AMs with larger audiences. It they have any p.r. people they have to know this. They were intimidated because Today did not fight to get you.

Viscott impressed me and not only because of his apparent common sense. I'd like to be able to talk to him some time but Boston is far away. He has a fine agent but let me warn you. He was against this subject many years ago, when he was just starting. He had then just place Hersh's VN exposes. He was then a friend of Ian, whose Cobber is making the night unholy as he barks against all the lightening and thunder. We have him for a month. Ian introduced us and then in my absence plugged. I phoned a number of times and never a callback.

He is David Obst. He reps Woodstein, too. Until about a year ago he and Taylor Branch lived together, from what Branch told me. If woodward hears he will badmouth. Branch was deceitful with me. After he left. Obst won t likely fool with anything he does not believe can make a best-seller. Not now. Later he'll have to. He is too loaded now. But unless Final Days makes a movie S&S won't make much, if anything, and nothing unless the paperback sells very well. They put out too much. I've forgotten about some of the other stuff he's place. But he is able and right now he's on top. Try him on the cold-war book. But remember he is one of the upwardlt mobile who is currently upward.

I do understand and agree with your position on your time. I have an idea now. There is now also no immediate prospect of my getting to AO, much as I want to.

I'llhold the Archives letter until I can pay attention. You may have more soon anyway.

Best to you both,